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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, PL
SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION: POLISH GOLD SETTLEMENT

1. THE BRITISH TRIPARTITE COMMISSIONER HAS APPROACHED US AGAIN WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN LONDON EXPRESSING HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING CONCERN WITH ONE ASPECT OF THE SETTLEMENT ON POLISH/DANZIG GOLD LAST SUMMER. SPECIFICALLY, LEGAL ADVISERS OF THE FCO ARE STILL BOTHERED BY A LETTER FROM THE POLISH AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS TO THE THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION, WHO WAS BRITISH (COPY BEING POUCHED), WHICH, IN EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE FINAL SETTLEMENT AND GOLD RESTITUTION, ALSO NOTES "THE DECISION IN QUESTION REMAINS ENTIRELY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DEFINITIVE CHARACTER OF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

2. THE AUTHORITIES IN LONDON NOTE THAT THIS ALLEGATION CONFLICTS WITH HMG'S POSITION THAT THE DECISION TO RETURN
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THE DANZIG GOLD IN NO WAY AFFECTS ITS VIEWS ON THE STATUS OF THE TERRITORY WHICH FORMED THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG. THEY FURTHER BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION TO REPLY TO THE POLISH AMBASSADOR'S LETTER, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THEIR ATTITUDE TO THE STATUS OF DANZIG REMAINS UNCHANGED. TO LEAVE THE LETTER UNANSWERED WOULD, IN THIS VIEW, ALLOW THE

POLES TO ARGUE THAT THE THREE TGC GOVERNMENTS HAD ACQUIESCED
IN THE POLISH POSITION.

3. THE FCO HAS THUS SUGGESTED THAT THE CURRENT TGC CHAIRMAN
(THE U.S. COMMISSIONER) SEND SUCH A LETTER TO THE POLISH
AMBASSADOR, SETTING OUT THE VIEWS OF THE THREE TGC GOVERNMENTS
ON THE DANZIG QUESTION. THE BRITISH COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO
PROPOSED THIS COURSE OF ACTION TO THE FRENCH COMMISSIONER.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRITISH EMBASSIES IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON
HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE SUBJECT AS WELL.

4. THIS QUESTION HAS ALREADY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INFORMAL
DISCUSSION OVER POAST MONTHS BETWEEN THE U.S. COMMISSIONER AND
THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT. IT HAS ALSO
ARISEN IN THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG (SEE PHILLIPS-MAURER LETTER
OF DECEMBER 2, 1976). IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENT AND CONTINUING
CONCERN OF THE FCO WITH IT, WE NOW REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS
ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THE BRITISH COMMISSIONER'S DEMARCHE.
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